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## **New Date for First Meeting of Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction**

The meeting of the Task Force on Juvenile Court Jurisdiction scheduled for today has been rescheduled. The meeting **will now be held on Thursday, August 8, from 10 am – noon** at the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention located at 300 E. Joppa Road, Suite 1105, Baltimore, MD 21286.

The Task Force was established by the Maryland General Assembly this year and is responsible for studying current laws relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and reviewing best practices in the court system for handling offenses committed by youth.

In addition, the Task Force must make recommendations regarding whether or not to eliminate the existing offenses that automatically result in adult charges for youth and to restore juvenile court discretion; the benefits of retaining youth under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; methods to reduce the number of youth in adult detention centers and prisons; and the long-term fiscal impact of treating youth in the adult criminal system.

The bill creating the Task Force took effect on June 1, 2013 and terminates May 31, 2014; however, the final report and recommendations are due by December 1, 2013. There is additional information on the Task Force on the website of the Maryland General Assembly at: <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmMain.aspx?pid=billpage&stab=02&id=hb0786&tab=subject3&ys=2013RS>

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